

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Agriculture is the basic industry in South Dakota providing the markets and the raw material for much of the state's economy; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota can prosper only if the agricultural industry has the purchasing power to absorb the goods and services needed and the markets and transportation to handle the produce raised; and,

*Whereas*, Farmer-owned cooperatives, a basic part of our American private enterprise system, help individual producers retain their identity and strength; and,

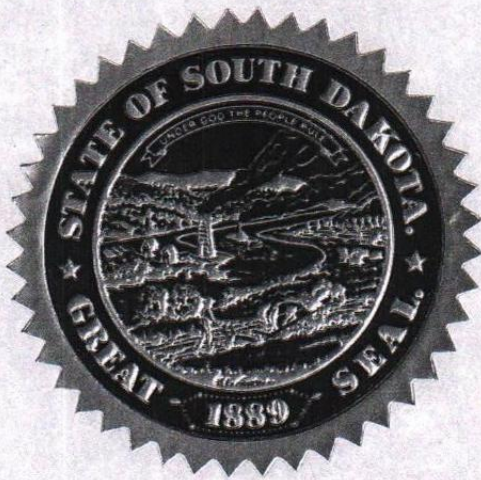
*Whereas*, Cooperatives have made a substantial contribution to the development of a progressive agricultural economy in South Dakota, providing the means by which producers can increase their bargaining power and achieve economic recognition in the market place; and,

*Whereas*, Cooperatives not only benefit the agricultural industry, but the general public as well, by placing a priority on people, making them a rigorous part of the American business system:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

## *COOPERATIVES MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State